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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

ART UNIT: 1638

Levin et al.

EXAMINER: Mehta, Ashwin D.

APPLICATION NO: 09/896,186

CONFIRMATION NO.: 9567

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FOR: Method of Controlling Gene Expression and Gene Silencing

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 28, 2005, Applicants submit the following remarks and amendments to place the application in form for allowance. Submitted herewith is a Petition for an Extension of Time for 2 months from April 28, 2005 up to and including June 28, 2005, and fee by credit card.

Please charge any additional fee or repay and overpayment to the Deposit account of Syngenta Biotechnology Inc. No. 50-1744.